



U.S. ARMY CONTRACTING AGENCY



Contracting Issues, Concerns & Initiatives

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Contract Services Association of America "Top Ten Policy Issues" as of April 2006



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1. Standardize Past Performance Evaluations
2. Address procurement process improvements
3. Improve use and consistency of best value in contract evaluations
4. Enhance implementation of subcontracting goals
5. Encourage use of performance-based service acquisition



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6. Improve process for competitive sourcing of commercial activities
7. Promote education and training of contracting personnel
8. Improve government payment of contracting personnel
9. Review Contract bundling process
10. Recognize challenges facing medium-sized businesses



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~~Working Groups to be formed~~

1. Develop a quarterly R&A process for DOCs
2. Develop methodology to track document reviews
3. Competitive sourcing resources and methods of sharing A-76 information
4. Post award execution and accountability



Industry Concerns

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- Manpower Reporting Requirement to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (M&RA)
 - Missing, incorrect or unrecognized data fields within the reporting system
 - Requires additional communications with contracting personnel
- Acquisition Process Delays Increasingly Troubling
 - Increasing bureaucratic red tape
 - Personnel shortages
 - Ineffective automated procurement system
- What is ACA doing to fix these issues?



Centralization Focus from ACASR Reorganization to PARC of Centers

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- Improved Customer Satisfaction and Customer Relations
- Timeliness of Acquisition Process
- Standardization of Acquisition Procedures
- Effective Communications and Responsiveness
- Resources and Workforces Efficiencies
- Continuous Process Improvements and Streamlining
- Quality Contracts
- Quality Contractor Relations
- Timely and Continuous Training in Acquisition Initiatives



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Questions?